

## PRESIDENT WILSON ASKING BERLIN TO EXPLAIN SINKING ARABIC WITHOUT WARNING

Washington Withholds Official Comment Until Gerhard Is Heard From.

### NO CONVOY FOR VESSEL

Only Two American Passengers on Liner Remain Unaccounted For.

New York, Aug. 21.—The body of Mrs. Josephine L. Brugliere, one of the two Americans lost with the Arabic, has been found, according to a statement to the White Star line by Mrs. Marion Brugliere, her daughter-in-law.

Young Mrs. Brugliere also was quoted by a representative of the line as having said that the body of her mother-in-law's French maid, Margaret Bonnet, had been recovered, too. Madame Bonnet, one of the two maids who sailed with Mrs. Brugliere, had heretofore been listed among the survivors.

Quincy, Aug. 21, 10:15 p. m.—An amended list of the members of the Arabic crew places the number at 21 instead of 46, as previously given. According to the revised figures of missing passengers and members of the crew, the total death toll is 27. In accordance with instructions from the state department at Washington, the American consulate is procuring affidavits from American survivors, being particularly on the assertion that no warning was given by the German submarine which torpedoed the Arabic.

St. Louis, Aug. 21.—The state department's attitude is that the German government has no right to demand an apology for the attack, which in its opinion, is military in nature, such as an attempt to escape or an attempt to resist or attack the submarine. The Berlin foreign office should have an opportunity to present them.

Today's announcement indicates that before President Wilson takes any action there may be some exchange of diplomatic communications.

It is understood that the state department's policy is to show the utmost deliberation consistent with the debate question and to omit no opportunity of avoiding a severance of relations with Germany so long as there is a reasonable explanation that a cause can be given for the sinking of the Arabic.

Wait For Facts.

Miss Consul Thompson's latest dispatch to the state department from Quincy confirms the White Star line's statement that only two Americans of the Arabic's passengers are unaccounted for. They are Mrs. Josephine S. Brugliere of New York, and San Francisco and Dr. Edmund F. Woods of Jacksonville, Wis.

Official dispatches to the state department have confirmed earlier press reports announcing that the British liner Arabic was torpedoed without warning, and that at least some American passengers lost their lives when the vessel went down.

Whether the attack on the Arabic was an act "deliberately unfriendly" to the United States against which President Wilson gave warning in his last note to Germany apparently depends on what the German submarine commander claims that he interpreted as the liner's course to assist the sinking British steamer Dunsley, which had been torpedoed nearby. This point, perhaps, cannot be cleared up until Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has ascertained what the German government receives from the submarine commander.

In the meantime President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are conferring.

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## SOCIALISTS CALL FOR HALT TO WAR

Leader Tells Reichstag Germany Must Accept First Opportunity to Restore Peace.

Berlin, Aug. 21, (via London, 2:50 p. m.)—In the debate today in the reichstag Dr. Eduard David, the socialist leader, said:

"There lives in the hearts of the German people, as in all other people, a longing for the day of restoration of peace. It were ill for humanity if it were otherwise. The European peoples are bleeding from thousands and thousands of wounds. Every day of the war means further frightful destruction of lives.

"Therefore, I point again today to the declaration which our party made in the reichstag. We adhere to the principle declared on Aug. 4, 1914, that an end must be made to the war as soon as our enemies are inclined to make peace.

"Last for conquest must not prolong this war unnecessarily. Emperor or William said we were waging no war of conquest and the chancellor's speech yesterday supplied further proof. Unfortunately, Germany's enemies are not yet inclined to peace, notwithstanding their severe defeats. Their leading statesmen only recently asserted the determination to continue the war until Germany is crushed and their plans for conquest are realized. They are still looking for allies among the neutrals. They say England hopes to wear out Germany's economic and military power by prolonging the war. If we desire peace, therefore, the only thing left is to compel them to see that their hope is futile."

Referring to the chancellor's words to the effect that Germany ever has success to moral power exerted in the direction of freedom, Dr. David said:

"And I hold it to be my duty to add that we expect a greater measure of liberty for the German people. With this hope we shall vote for now and in the future."

## TOWN WIPED OUT BY A FOREST FIRE

State of Washington Swept at Number of Points.—Considerable Loss in Live Stock.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 21.—Very heavy damage was threatened by scores of forest and grass fires burning today in this (Whatcom) county. The little town of Aiki, four miles north of here, was wiped out yesterday and considerable livestock, miles of fences and many acres of crops have been destroyed.

Concern was felt for the town of Lynden, next to Bellingham, the largest in the county, owing to a half dozen fires which today were creeping up on it.

A heavy wind was spreading the numerous fires and little water was available for fighting them. No loss of life has been reported.

Bellingham is covered with ashes, and smoke is hanging over the city.

## Germans Say Enemies Are To Foot Bill

Berlin Spends More in a Month Than Total Expenditure of 1870 War.

Berlin, Aug. 21, (via Amsterdam and London).—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the German imperial treasury, speaking in the reichstag on the second reading of the war loan of \$2,500,000,000, said:

"Until now \$20 million marks have been voted and our estimates of war needs still are exceeded by real expenditures. Expenditures in one month are higher by one-third than the total expenditure for the war of 1870, but every German knows the sacrifice will not be vain. The grant of new millions means a guarantee of unmovable determination on the part of the German people."

"During the war we will not increase the gigantic burden of the people by new taxation. A tax on war profits can only be raised as the conclusion of the war. It will be payable both in cash and a war loan. Our economic future must be freed from the gigantic burden of war. The heavy burden of thousands of millions will be borne through decades by the instigators of the war and not by us."

Dr. Helfferich, discussing the war expenditures by various powers said:

"Up to the present the German total expenditures have been highest, but they now are being exceeded by Great Britain. The coalition of our enemies now is bearing almost two-thirds of the total cost of the war."

German newspapers, with a few exceptions, comment exhaustively on the speech in the reichstag of the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, attaching particular importance to his remarks concerning Poland. The general opinion set forth in the press is that the government contemplates annexation of Russian Poland, which meets with almost universal approval.

Editorial comment, although dealing frankly with this subject, is restricted to some extent by the prohibition of the discussion of annexation, a prohibition promulgated by the chancellor himself, and in the opinion of some newspapers, overstepped by him.

## LAY OUT SCHEME OF COAST FORTS

Three of Ablest Officers of Army Engaged in Program to Give Adequate Defenses.

Pittsburg, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Captain Charles E. Kilburne of the general staff of the United States army said in an address to the regiment of business men at the military instruction camp last night that three of the ablest officers of the army are working out a system of proper and efficient support for the coast fortifications of this country.

In emphasizing the need of such support, Captain Kilburne said:

"There is just one place in our scheme of coast defense that would not need the entire mobile army of the United States to support it in the event of a crisis. That is the Long Island approach to New York City, where the three fortifications, Forts Michie, Terry and Wright, are on islands."

Captain Kilburne said that unless there was an adequate coast artillery armament on Sandy Hook and other strategic points in that district it would be possible for an enemy's fleet to lie at the mouth of Ambrose channel, the entrance to New York harbor, and concentrate their fire on each American vessel attempting to leave the harbor to engage them.

The fortifications in the Philippines and Hawaii, Captain Kilburne said, could not be reinforced in war time and it was very doubtful if the Panama fortifications could be reinforced under present conditions.

## RUSS ARMIES NOT ABLE TO STEM ENEMY

Marshy Nature of Surrounding Country Proving Only Serious Obstacle.

### PENETRATE OVER BUG

Czar's Forces Battle Desperately But Vainly to Check Invasion.

London, Aug. 21, 11:37 p. m.—The Russian field armies are fighting desperately but vainly to check the onrush of the Germans and Austrians. Navogejevsk the last Polish fortress to hold out, has fallen. Osnowitz, to the north of Poland, has resisted the invaders thus far only because of the marshy nature of the surrounding country, which prevents the Germans from employing their heavy guns effectively.

South of Brest-Litovsk, Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces have penetrated beyond the Bug. Other German armies east of that river render a serious Russian defense along the Bialystok-Brest-Litovsk line virtually impossible.

The mysterious naval battle in the gulf of Riga was still in progress at the time of the latest report from Petrograd which, however, gave no details as to the magnitude of the action.

Along the other fronts no important changes are recorded, with the exception of the French admission of inability to hold the Lens-Arras cross roads recently captured.

The diplomatic problem in the near east has been brought appreciably nearer the solution by the formation of a Greek union under the premiership of M. Venizelos and the indications of the uncompromising attitude of the military faction in Serbia against Bulgaria's claims are being broken down.

Over 48 hours of unusual activity, resulting in a heavy toll of merchantmen, averting the naval war zone, German submarines apparently have been withdrawn to their bases. Reilly is expressed that the White Star liner Rovic is safely in port. It is now definitely established that only two Americans, who were passengers on the Arabic, are missing.

Paris Reports Repeated.

Paris, Aug. 21, (2:30 p. m.)—Official "Lancet" night saw continued severe artillery fighting in the Artois district, between the Oise and Aisne; in the Champagne district and in the Vosges.

In the Artois fighting with mines continued at Courtes Chaussees and at St. Hubert, where we have occupied and consolidated the crater made by a mine explosion.

Two week infantry attacks on the part of the enemy, one at Erise Dur Sommer and the other in the forest of Parroy, in Lorraine, were completely repulsed by us.

Ossowitz Attacks Fall.

London, Aug. 21.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says:

"Osnowitz, where heavy German attacks have been repulsed, is greatly favored by topographical conditions which prevent the enemy from concentrating an irresistible fire from any direction. It is impossible to post guns in the swampy banks of the Bobr, which with its marshes has protected the fortress from being stormed."

## Airships are Destroyed in Fight in Sky

Three Machines of Austrian Squadron Fall Under Italian Fire—Crews Killed.

Paris, Aug. 21, 10:40 a. m.—Italian aeroplanes defeated an Austrian air squadron off the Adriatic coast, according to a dispatch to the Figaro from Turin. Three of the Austrian machines were brought down and their crews were either killed or made prisoners.

The Figaro's correspondent says that the Italian squadron forced an engagement on the Austrians after a long stern chase. The Italian aviators returned to their base without loss or injury.

## ANDERSON VICTOR IN SPEED BATTLE

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The race was for the Elgin national trophies. Prizes totaling \$2,000 will be awarded to the first three who finish \$2,000 for the winner, \$500 to second and \$250 for third place. All of the drivers, with the exception of one, were entered in today's grid.

Ralph De Palma, winner of the event in 1912 and last year, was the favorite, although Earl Cooper, who rode to victory yesterday, was expected to give the noted Italian driver a desperate race.

De Palma succeeded in making necessary repairs to his car, damaged in the race yesterday and was confident of victory. Gil Anderson, who won the event in 1913, also was among today's starters.

Before the start the withdrawals of Alley and Patrick were announced, leaving 12 starters. It was announced that there would be but one day of racing here next year—a renewal of today's event. The contestants were sent away at 11 o'clock, 30 seconds apart, in the following order: Jones, De Palma, Henderson, Anderson, O'Donnell, Cooper, Oldfield, Chandler, Robillard, Bert, Hennick and Bruzue.

The weather turned clear and the course was in good condition. The cars and drivers followed:

Mercedes—De Palma. Stutz—Burt. Stutz—Cooper. Stutz—Anderson. Duesenberg—O'Donnell. Duesenberg—Henderson. Duesenberg—Chandler. DuChesneau—Brown. Mercer—Hennick. Lozier—Robillard. De Deltrich—Buzane. Delage—Oldfield. De Palma at 154 miles took on gasoline in 28 seconds.

## ZEPPELIN IS BROUGHT DOWN BY RUSSIAN GUNMEN AFTER HIT FOUR TIMES NEAR VILNA

Predict Split in Education Body

### Miss Grace C. Strachan Resigns, Attributing Defeat for Presidency to Disloyalty.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 21.—Miss Grace C. Strachan, district superintendent of schools of Brooklyn, N. Y., has resigned from the National Education Association, it became known today, following her defeat by Dr. D. R. Johnson of Rock Hill, S. C., in a bitter contest for the presidency of the organization.

"I have no reason for the National Education association," said Miss Strachan in commenting on her action. "I have sent in my resignation."

Miss Strachan charges that her defeat for the presidency of the association was brought about by unfair means and factional disloyalty.

Delegates to the convention are discussing the question of whether Miss Strachan's action forecasts a split in the association.

## ITALY IS NEARING WAR WITH TURKEY

Emmanuel to Use Force, if Need Be, to Obtain Reparation for Wrongs to Countrymen.

Rome, Aug. 21 (via Lugano).—At the meeting of the Italian cabinet today Foreign Minister Sonnino presented a long report on the Turkish situation, showing the extreme moderation of the Italian government notwithstanding Turkish provocations which, he said, have now become intolerable.

The cabinet's decision was kept secret, but it is believed the ministers agreed to use all means, even force, to obtain reparation for the injuries suffered by Italians in Turkish territory.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The Italian ambassador at Constantinople says a Rome dispatch to the Matin has been instructed to hand to the porte a note asking for a formal categorical statement as to the departure of Italians from the Turkish possessions.

The note is couched in terms admitting no evasion. Without being an ultimatum, it calls on the Turkish government to declare yes or no whether Italians will be permitted to leave, and when.

## THE WAR TODAY

(Associated Press Summary.)

The British government today officially declared the White Star line steamer Arabic, sunk by a German submarine, was not being conveyed when she was torpedoed.

Big German Air Craft Carrying Pilot, Engineer and Eight Soldiers.

### HAS A STOCK OF BOMBS

Petrograd Announces That Machine Is Caught Approaching the City.

London, Aug. 21, (2:02 p. m.)—Russian gunners have brought down a Zeppelin that was approaching Vilna, according to a dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company from Petrograd today.

The dispatch continues: "The airship was hit four times. It contained the pilot and engineer together with eight soldiers, a machine gun, bombs, incendiary darts and photographic apparatus."

London, Aug. 21, (6:57 p. m.)—Three Russian warships and one German warship, all small vessels, were sunk in the battle in the gulf of Riga. Announcement to this effect was made today. Two other German warships were put out of commission during the engagement. One ran ashore and the other was damaged.

Berlin, Aug. 21, (via London, 4:13 p. m.)—The Germans have captured the Russian town of Bielak, 25 miles south of Bialystok and have driven the Russians over the Biala river, according to an official announcement given out today by the German army headquarters staff.

The text of the statement follows: "In the west nothing of importance has taken place. "Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: In the east of Kovno 50 prisoners and six machine guns were taken. South of Kovno the enemy evacuated his position on the Jelsa river and is retreating in an easterly direction.

Near Gudele and Sejnay, Russian positions were stormed. In the fighting west of Tykocin the Russians lost 610 prisoners, including five officers and four machine guns.

The army of General von Gallwitz took Belesk and south of that place drove the Russians over the Biala.

The army group of Prince Leopold broke the renewed resistance of the enemy yesterday afternoon and evening and since early this morning the enemy has been in retreat. More than 1,000 prisoners have been taken.

The army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen advanced its left wing over the Koterka sector and from the mouth of the Bug to Pulva. The enemy continued to retreat. Near Brest-Litovsk and east of Viladova further progress was made."

AGED FARMER IS KILLED BY A BOY

Arthur Lumley of Des Moines Says He Commits Crime to Get Money for His Parents.

Boone, Ia., Aug. 21.—County Attorney F. W. Gano said today he had obtained a complete confession from Arthur Lumley, the 18-year-old Des Moines youth, charged with killing Thomas J. Smalley, a wealthy farmer, while the latter lay sleeping in his room at the Smalley farm near Berne Thursday.

According to the county attorney, Lumley said he killed Smalley so as to get money for his parents, who could not meet their rent. It was accomplished with a rock which was used to beat Smalley on the head. The county attorney says that Lumley confessed he later set fire to the house in an effort to hide the crime.

MOLINE WOMAN GETS PENSION IN COURT

Mrs. Augustana Carlson, 2949 Eleventh avenue, Moline, was granted a widow's pension by Judge N. A. Larson in county court this morning. Mrs. Carlson has two children.

Horton Strike Ended.

Horton, Kans., Aug. 21.—After being in progress for two days, the strike of workmen in the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific shops here ended today. The company acceded to the demands of the men that machinists instead of foreign day laborers be used to dismantle locomotives preparatory to the making of repairs.

Peru Deficit \$1,500,000.

Lima, Peru, Aug. 20.—It was announced today by the minister of finance that the deficit of Peru for 1915 aggregated \$1,500. It is asserted that banking institutions have offered to loan money to President Parado's government.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island,avenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Fair and slightly warmer Sunday. Temperature at 7 a. m., 60. Highest yesterday, 71. Lowest last night, 60. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 4 miles. Precipitation during the last 24 hours, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 65; at 7 a. m., 77; at 1 p. m., 101.5; 71. Stage of river, 7.1 feet. A fall of 1 foot in the last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.